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**FRANZ FORSTER** : **HYDROSTATIC AXIAL PISTON**  
Serial No. 10/002,964 : **MACHINE WITH A SWASHPLATE**  
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), no fee is due for the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement, which is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

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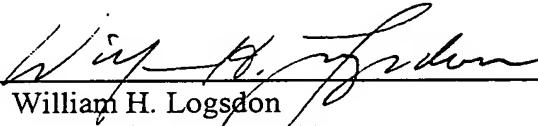
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